

A RESOLUTION to honor and express support for the mission of
Men Against Destruction Defending Against
Drugs and Social Disorder (MADDADS).

WHEREAS, for various reasons, African-American men have often been left out of the decision-making process in endeavors to retool the African-American family; and

WHEREAS, the African-American male's exclusion from such worthy social and civic projects presents a real problem, because in order for the African-American family to be a true family, the African-American man must claim his rightful place and assume the responsibility for the health and prosperity of his family as a whole; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary organization known as Men Against Destruction Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MADDADS) has formulated a viable solution to this problem, and is advocating the utilization of a unique concept to place African-American men, especially young males, at the forefront of their communities where their increased visibility will inspire greater strength and unity in the African-American family; and

WHEREAS, MADDADS is a national volunteer and surrogate parenting organization composed of drug-free, law-abiding citizens who are deeply concerned about the future of African-American youth and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, MADDADS's laudable mission is to mobilize the entire African-American community, especially men, as positive role models for young people to resist the temptations of violence, crime, corruption, gang activity, drug abuse and other forms of social order; and

WHEREAS, in May 1995, MADDADS will establish its first Tennessee chapter in Nashville, indeed an occasion worthy of note and celebration; and

WHEREAS, in these trying and turbulent times, MADDADS serves a valuable social function by redirecting the intelligence and energies of African-American youth toward positive accomplishment and away from the various debilitating forms of social disorder, thereby enhancing the resiliency, stability and commitment of the African-American community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby express our unflagging support for the worthy mission of Men Against Destruction Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MADDADS) and honor the members of this outstanding organization upon their hard work, diligence and commitment to enhancing the self-image and redirecting the lives of African-American youth by providing positive role models and guidance for success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we congratulate MADDADS upon the establishment of their first Tennessee chapter in Nashville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the appropriate representative of MADDADS.

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